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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on November 12, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the claims now pending.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.